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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Gustavo DECO et al.

Serial No. 09/530,983

Group Art Unit: 3762

Confirmation No. 5072

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Examiner: OROPEZA, FRANCES P

For: ARRANGEMENT FOR PREDICTING AN ABNORMALITY OF A SYSTEM AND FOR
IMPLEMENTING AN ACTION OPPOSING THE ABNORMALITY

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

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Sir:

This preliminary response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is in response to the Advisory Action mailed November 18, 2003, and the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2003, having a period for response set to expire on October 1, 2003. A petition for a third-month extension of time is concurrently filed herewith, thereby extending the response due date to January 2, 2004, with January 1, 2004 being a holiday.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.